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1. CEAUSESCU'S SPEECH SEPTEMBER 7 TO MASS MEETING IN
PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF BRAILA CONTAINS SOME USUALLY STRONG
AND DIRECT LANGUAGE REAFFIRMING ROMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND
INDEPENDENCE AND FLATLY REJECTING INSINUATION "FROM SOME
SOURCES" THAT ROMANIA WOULD SOMEHOW MORTGAGE ITS INDEPENDENCE
TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

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2. CEAUSESCU FIRST CITED RECENT MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, HUA
KUO-FENG VISIT HERE, AND SECTION OF HIS AUGUST 3 SPEECH
(BUCHAREST 5470) REAFFIRMING PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE,
NON-INTERFERENCE, EQUALITY, AND SOVEREIGNTY IN ROMANIA'S
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IN EXTREMELY CLEAR TERMS, HE
REITERATED THAT "ROMANIA DOES NOT USE RELATIONS WITH ONE

STATE AGAINST ANOTHER" AND THAT "WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH SOME STATES MEANS THE DIMINUTION OF RELATIONS WITH OTHERS." RATHER, "WE PROMOTE ACTIVE RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES WHICH AGREE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS." SINCE ROMANIA HAS OFTEN KNOWN FOREIGN DOMINATION AND HAS WON ITS INDEPENDENCE THROUGH HARD STRUGGLES, "WE WILL MAKE NO DEALS WITH ANYONE WHICH COULD IMPAIR OUR INDEPENDENCE; WE DON'T WANT RELATIONS WHICH DAMAGE THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR PEOPLE--BUT WHICH STRENGTHEN THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF ROMANIA."

3. NOTING "A FEW" STORIES IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS WHICH INSINUATED THAT ROMANIA MIGHT BE WILLING TO "DIMINISH" ITS INDEPENDENCE, CEAUSESCU STATED THAT SUCH STORIES REFLECT A TOTAL LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF ROMANIAN HISTORY. "WE WILL NEVER BECOME ANYONE ELSE'S INSTRUMENT; WE WILL ALWAYS BE ONLY ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR OWN PEOPLE." SOME OF THESE COMMENTARIES MAY "VIEW ROMANIAN POLICY THROUGH THE POLITICAL PRISM OF SOME LEADERS OF THAT COUNTRY." BE THAT AS IT MAY, "WE DECLARE UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT WE WILL NOT SELL ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE TO ANYONE AT ANY TIME".

4. NOR, HE ADDED, "WILL WE BE ANYONE'S TOOL IN THE BALKANS," AND AREA WHERE ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD BE FREE AND NONE SHOULD BE THE INSTRUMENT OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY.
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ROMANIA WILL DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO DEVELOP RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH ALL "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES, AND "WE ACCORD PRIORITY TO OUR NEIGHBORS."

5. COMMENT: SPEECH IS BOTH A REASSURANCE TO SOVIETS THAT ROMANIA WILL NOT BE DECEIVED BY ANY CHINESE SIREN SONGS AND A RINGING REAFFIRMATION OF ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE TO ANYONE WHO WOULD QUESTION OR SEEK TO INFRINGE IT. THUS CEAUSESCU HAS TAKEN POSITION FIRST ENUNCIATED IN AUTHORITATIVE BUT IMPERSONAL SCINTEIA EDITORIAL OF SEPTEMBER 3 (REFTTEL) AND MADE IT HIGHLY PERSONAL. WHEN WE ASKED SENIOR ROMANIAN MFA OFFICIALS EXACTLY WHO CEAUSESCU HAD IN MIND (E.G. BULGARIA AS OTHER POWER'S BALKAN TOOL), REPLY WAS THAT PRESIDENT'S LANGUAGE EXEMPLIFIES AMERICAN ADAGE OF "IF SHOE FITS, WEAR IT."
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